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Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
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THE promptitude with which the Circular

Reports are now issued is in accordance with

the desire of the public to have the latest news

of the progress of the various schemes.

We have already noticed Mr. GILES's report on

Tsamtai, and the latest English mail brought

us the reports on Wuhu, Swatow, Kin-

chow, and Pakhoi, which are thus placed in

the hands of readers in the South earlier than

the Customs Reports. The Customs Report on

the Trade of China by the Statistical Sec-

retary was received some time ago, and the

reports by the Commissioners at the various

ports, though they have been commented on

in the Shanghai papers, have not yet reached

Hongkong. Acting Consul BOWEN, in his

report on Wuhu, says that port is, in respect

of foreign trade, but a feeder of Shanghai,

whither all exports for a foreign country go,

and whence all foreign imports come. The

report, consequently, does not contain much

that is of general interest. One item, how-

ever, is worthy of notice. The people in the

up-country districts, Mr. BOWEN says, have

not lost their preference for the old Chinese

dollar, which is ordinarily worth in Wuhu

six to ten per cent. above its intrinsic value,

and sometimes much more. The farmers

buy Chinese dollars to take up country with

the silver they receive in payment for their

rice. The demand for these dollars, and the

premium they command, shows how much

need there is for a good silver coinage in

China. At Swatow there has been a decline

in imports, chiefly in Sundries. In Canton

Goods and Woolsens there has been an in-

crease, as measured by values, although the

average rate of exchange for the year was five

percent. lower than during the preceding year.

The trade, Consul MANNFIELD thinks, is con-

siderably restricted by the uncertainty of

exchange. He says:—"The imports of

Manchester goods especially have been much

embarrassed by the steady depreciation

of silver. The margin of profit is so small

that they have to be continually raising their

prices for piece goods, and this of course

falls seriously in favour of native goods,

which are not subject to the same fluctuation

in price. It is indisputable that there was

at all a stable medium of exchange, a much

larger trade in Manchester goods would

follow. The piece goods trade of Swatow

is especially affected by the fall in silver, as

there is absolutely no produce which might

be shipped to the United Kingdom in ex-

change for Manchester goods imported."

Elsewhere in his report Mr. MANNFIELD says

that cotton yarn from Bombay continues to

the export duty on the same sugar when

refined, places—for the present at any rate

an insuperable obstacle in the way of suc-

cessful competition by Swatow with the free

port of Hongkong. There has, however,

been a considerable increase in the export

of sugar from Swatow to the Northern ports.

At Kinchow a dispute has arisen in refer-

ence to the taxation of sugar which may

exercise proportionately as detrimental an

effect on the trade there as the recent

dispute in Formosa did. It appears that

the market for sugar in the city of

Kinchow, and the authorities claim that

the city, which is three miles from Hoihow,

is not an open port, and they have accordingly

been endeavouring to levy a tax on sugar

there. The Governor-General upholds the

position taken up by the local authorities,

declaring that it is only the port of the city

of Kinchow, viz., Hoihow, that is open to

foreign trade, and that Kinchow itself is

in the interior. The question, Acting-Con-

sul JOHNSON says, is still in abeyance.

"The amount sought to be levied is at present

trifling, amounting to only 3 per cent.,

but, if the right to levy it were once ad-

mitted, it might be raised considerably,

and probably would be, to the end that for-

eigners, not being able to compete with na-

tives in 'arranging' matters with the fiscal

authorities, would be driven out of the

trade." It is to be hoped that Sir JO-

HNESMAN will be able to vindicate the right

of British subjects to trade at Kinchow,

to which they are clearly entitled under the

English version of the Treaty, though Mr.

JOHNSON admits that in the Chinese version

there is some ambiguity.

As to shipping, at Wuhu there was a

falling-off, due to the small number of

coast steamers loading rice for Canton, but

the British flag has about held its own pro-

portion—as compared with the percentages

of other nations. At Swatow there was an

increase during the year of 53,124 tons in

British vessels clearing the port, while Ger-

man shipping showed a falling-off of 14,887

tons. Chinese Joloan rice vessels an in-

crease of 7,559 tons, and other countries a

falling-off of 5,579 tons. The percentage of

British shipping was 82.8 as against 80 in the

previous year. The most satisfactory part

of the report under this heading is the state-

ment that "Freights in China have im-

proved, and whereas a year ago steamers

could be chartered at rates leaving a bare

margin of profit to the ship, it is now dif-

ficult to obtain vessels at considerably ad-

vanced rates." Leaving out passengers who

begin their voyage at Amoy, 45,000 Chinese

left Swatow for Bangkok and the Straits

Settlements in British ships, and 11,000 in

German ships, as against some 44,000

and 9,000 in 1886. At Kinchow also

there has been a large increase in the

emigration trade. The Bangkok line is

still in the hands of the Scottish Oriental

Company's steamers, but the steamers for

Singapore are chartered from time to time as

wanted, and a large proportion are under

the German flag. And here Mr. JOHNSON

makes a remark that seems to call for

their elucidation. He says:—"The German

emigration regulations are much less string-

ent than the British." By the alteration of the

law at Singapore German steamers are no longer

allowed to take into that port a larger num-

ber of passengers in proportion to their ton-

nage than British ships. It would be in-

teresting to know in what other respect

German regulations are less stringent. Mr.

JOHNSON goes on to say:—"The business is

one that requires careful official supervision,

as the reward for placing a coolie on the

labour market is a great temptation to the

brokers to induce the men to leave their

homes under false pretences, and many of

the Chinese engaged in this business are no

doubt great rascals." Recent disclosures in

Hongkong show that the latter part of this

statement is not without foundation. The

Superintendent informs us that the P. &

O. Co.'s regular fortnightly steamer, the

Belona, left Singapore for this port on the

30th May.

The Agents Messrs. Simonsen and Co. in-

form us that the German steamer Belona,

from Hamburg, left Singapore yesterday

morning for this port.

Last evening, at about eight o'clock, the

fire bell began to ring out most furiously, and

in a few minutes a large number of people were

seen to be hurrying to the fire alarm station

on the thoroughfare is a lane known as Ship

Street, and it was at No. 15 in this road that

the flames broke out. The first and second

floors of the place were inhabited by coolies, and

on the second floor were a number of coolies

known as the "So Pin." Owing to the carelessness

of a lodger on the second floor an oil lamp

set fire to some pieces of clothing, and the

fire spread very rapidly. The fire was

extinguished in a few minutes, but the

coolies who were the cause of the occurrence

were severely chastised by the police.

The fire was caused by a coolie who was

smoking in the room, and the fire was</

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